

**REMARKS**

The present application is a Continuation of application serial no. 09/340,932  
filed June 28, 1999.

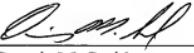
Claims 1-22 have been cancelled. New claims 23-28 are in this application.

An early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid  
herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,  
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